



## Welcome the Test

I do not ask success to smile  
Always upon my time of striving.  
I want to struggle for a while  
And do some planning and contriving;  
I want to try to scale the wall  
With which defeat has grimly fenced me,  
And seek the greatest thrill of all  
Of winning with the odds against me.

Too much success is bad for man;  
He ought to know the pang of losing,  
And learn if he is one that can  
Stand up and face a little bruising.  
And, though I want to know the best,  
And in the main tread glory's highway,  
I welcome now and then the test  
When all the breaks aren't coming my way.

—Detroit Free Press.

## THE GROUND OF



“And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place.” Acts 2:1. “And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.” Acts 2:4.

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**WANTED**—Any one having a gospel tent, in good condition, size 30x50 or larger, that you will sell cheap for cash, please write giving full particulars in first letter.—John E. Douglas, Box 264, Jal, N. Mex.

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To the churches in Kansas and Nebraska: District overseers in Kansas are as follows: Kansas City district, C. E. Banks, 817 S. 7th St., Kansas City, Kans.; Pittsburg district, E. M. Mead, Weir, Kans.; Coffeyville district, C. C. Rains, 612 Walnut St., Coffeyville, Kans.; Wichita district to be supplied. Herald Phillips of 2227 Lavenworth, Omaha, Neb., will assist with the work in Nebraska. Mission treasurer is W. R. Bolte, 810 E. 10th St., Pittsburg, Kan. The Mission Board is as follows: J. M. Snyder, C. E. Banks, Louis Richardson; State Y. P. E. Pres., Bethel Orender, 1008 13th St., Pittsburg, Kan.; State S. S. Supt., Fred Snatler, 1217 Hasbrook, Kansas City, Kans.

Come on, ministers and laity, and let us do our best this year. Be loyal on all lines and the Lord will bless and increase the work. Any one that will be loyal and wants to work in these states, come on over. There are plenty of good openings here. Come over and help us.—J. M. Snyder, overseer of Kansas and Nebraska.

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To all the Y. P. E's in the state of West Virginia: Greeting in Jesus' dear name. Having been appointed as state Y. P. E. superintendent, by our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, I would like to hear from every Y. P. E. in the state of West Virginia as I have something to write you as soon as I know whom to write. I am working hard to get the Y. P. E. work lined up and we are hoping this will be a great year with the young people. The state Y. P. E. banner is still at Bayard and the young people there are working to keep it and up until this time they have it won for the next quarter. Unless you get busy in your Y. P. E. you may not win the banner. I consider it an honor for any Y. P. E. to win this banner and it is possible for you to win it. Of course, you want to know just how to win it. First, your secretary and treasurer must report to me about the first of each month just how many students you have in your Y. P. E., also how many new members you gained during the month, and how many you lost. Give the amount of offerings received during the month and how much you sent to the state Y.

P. E. treasurer. I will put on a contest in the near future and put up some prizes for the winners, so be sure to write me and let me know just how you are getting along with your Y. P. E. work and maybe I can be of some help to you some time. I hope that I will have the privilege to visit your Y. P. E. some time this year. Any time I can be of any service to you, feel free to write me as I want to be faithful to the young people this year.—Howard D. Statum, Bayard, W. Va., State Y. P. E. Supt.

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Our work is moving along nicely in Mississippi. The ministers are entering their labors to win for God and His Church. Our ministers' meetings were a sweep of victory. I have never seen greater harmony and fellowship; perfect accord prevailed throughout both gatherings. We are expecting great things from God this year. Our district pastors are as follows: Hattiesburg district, A. J. Gardner; Meadville district, Horace Taylor; Rocky Hill district, W. F. Sharp; Eupora District, D. L. Barrett; Boonville district, H. B. Magee; Delta district, M. C. Cockrell. Brother W. B. Wimberly is reappointed secretary and treasurer of the mission fund; H. B. Magee and Wm. R. Fowler will constitute the state mission board. Committee on camp meeting interest is: W. F. Sharp, A. J. Gardner, Horace Taylor, M. C. Cockrell, H. B. Magee, and state overseer. We invite suggestions from our friends to help us push the church work.—T. M. McClendon, state overseer of Mississippi.

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We are forming an organization to broadcast a Church of God program once a week over station WDDO, Chattanooga, Tenn., with Brother E. L. Simmons in charge. I have been appointed secretary of this work. We hope to raise the necessary finance—\$20.00 for thirty minutes, or \$35.00 for an hour's program—through co-operation of all the local churches nearby in agreeing to bear part of the weekly expense. I am contacting all local churches within a radius of seventy-five miles and a small sum weekly from each will enable us to go on the air. Will you or your pastor take this matter up with your church and let me know what the decision of the church is on this proposition.—Sincerely, Ben M. Bright, 5303 Tennessee Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn.

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I want the Church of God at Toledo, also Brother and Sister Haynes, and Brother and Sister Huff, to forgive me for talking about them. Pray for me as I am in a bad state. Mrs. M. George, 1940 Front St.

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Are there any Church of God people

in or near Columbus or West Point, Miss.? If so, I would like to get in touch with you.—A. H. Wallace, Box 73, Columbus, Miss.

### Flowers While We Live

Rom. 13:7, "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour."

Pineview, Ga., has its southern hospitality and friendliness, hard-working people and good business, the Church of God tabernacle and some of the best Church of God material in the world.

We honor Dr. Mitchell at his age of eighty years. We are proud of his fifty-three years of serving Christ. On Nov. 20th he spent one of the happiest days of his life. This was his eightieth birthday and the occasion of the family reunion, a gathering of kinsfolk even from far and distant places.

Celebrations were made in religious services at church in the afternoon and evening. The life of the gathering was the Spirit of God. Salvation was not laid aside. Christ was honored. The Holy Ghost was welcome.

At the evening service Dr. Mitchell was leading the singing when he was notified of a tragedy. When the shock came his heart was occupied with song and praise to God. Every one, perhaps, expected the blow to be more than he could stand. He went to his knees before his God, as he had many times before in time of trouble and sorrow, and the way he held up under the strains of sorrow and bravely faced adversity through it all, convinced many of the power of the unseen man of the heart. Sweetness through it all was perfectly demonstrated by a man who was past the age of natural strength. Thank the Lord! True is His Word, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you," Isa. 66:13.

This is my weak effort to give honor to whom honor is due and to glorify God in it all. This bouquet carries with it the heartfelt sentiments of all his loved ones and friends, and is offered for consolation and solace.—Ruel Couch, his pastor.

### A Blessed Meeting

FERNANDINA, Fla.—I thank the Lord for the revival we had. The Lord blessed in this meeting. One was saved, two sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and three reclaimed. Pray that God's will will be done in my life. The writer was in charge. The Lord is yet working.—Your brother in the Lord, T. Wimberly.

People who follow us want to know where we are going, and they usually determine this by where we have been.

# The House of the Lord

By CARL J. HUGHES

THUS saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?" Isa. 66:1.

Notice, "Thus saith the Lord." We find in the text that the LORD is asking this people a question, "Where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?" If the Lord said, "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool," then there must be a place of his rest, or a house of the Lord.

Acts 7:49, "What house will ye build me?" Some people would have you think that God's house (or church) is in heaven, as in Acts 17:24, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands." We know that God the Father is in heaven now with Jesus by His side, and Jesus is just waiting for the signal to come for His Bride, but we feel that God's people will be serving God in the house of the Lord as long as they are on earth. This house must be a place where the Spirit of the Lord dwells with His people in spirit and in truth.

## THE BEGINNING OF THE HOUSE

"And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servant unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the Lord his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the Lord put them under the soles of his feet. But now the Lord my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God, as the Lord spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name," 1 Kings 5:1-5.

Solomon had purposed to build an house of the Lord which his father David could not build, because the Lord had given him rest on every side so that the adversary could not bother him. Now Hiram, king of Tyre, being a lover of David, Solomon's father, gave his assistance.

## THE CONSTRUCTION WORK

"And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and four-

score thousand hewers in the mountains," 1 Kings 5:15. When Solomon started to build the house of the Lord, he started right. He left some to bear the burdens and sent some out into the mountains to hew the timber for the house of the Lord. Some people will say they haven't anything to do in "Church" or "the house of the Lord," but did you ever think that your church has hewers out in the mountains hewing the timber for the house of the Lord and they need you to carry part of the burden? I am persuaded to believe that if we had more burden-bearers in the church we would see more souls saved. God has ministers out in the mountains hewing out timber but he has left many at home to bear the burden. Are we bearing the burden?

## THE FOUNDATION OF THE HOUSE

"And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house," 1 Kings 5:17. Solomon picked out the best to lay the foundation of the house because a house that is built on sand will not stand but a house that is built on rock will stand. Paul tells of the foundations of the house (or church), "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Eph. 2:20. If the house of the Lord is built upon the teachings of the apostles and prophets and Jesus Christ as the sure foundation we ought to be safe, knowing that they have gone on to the glory world and we have the same house in which to dwell by applying the divine principle of Christ's teachings.

## THE HOUSE MADE READY

"And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building," 1 Kings 6:7. Now the stone or timber is made ready out in the mountain by the hewers (that is, hewn down for the house), so when it is brought to the house of the Lord there is no noise about the house because God has made them ready before they come to the house of the Lord. Paul said, "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God," Eph. 2:19. "In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord," Eph. 2:21. So when the building is fitly framed it is ready to grow in the

Lord, and all of one spirit look for the same Judge to come.

## DESCRIPTION OF THE HOUSE

"The door for the middle chamber was in the right side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third," 1 Kings 6:8. As the Bible said, God told Noah to build an ark and he told him to build it three stories high, but had only one door to enter in and that is the same way with the house of the Lord. When the house was finished it had three stories, just as the ark Noah built, and when the test came God took care of the ark.

**FIRST FLOOR.**—Some people will stop on the first floor of the house and say they have enough and never have the joy that Jesus prayed for us to have in John 17.

**SECOND FLOOR.**—Some go as far as the apostles did out to Bethany and get the joy, or the blood added to their souls, but stop there and disobey Jesus when He plainly told them in the Word to go to Jerusalem and tarry until they be endued with power.

**THIRD FLOOR.**—Some stop on the second floor and never receive the Holy Ghost whom Jesus said, "I will pray the Father and he will send," not "maybe" but "he will send," and we are now enjoying the blessing and are living on the third floor as they did in Acts 2:4.

## Walk in The Light

Dear Evangel readers: I praise God for His wonderful love, for His saving power, for the great gift of the Holy Ghost. I also praise Him for His healing power. I was afflicted with my side almost a year and one day God wonderfully healed me. He has healed me many times. I trust Him with both soul and body.

I am the only one of our family who has the Holy Ghost and belong to The Church of God. I have many trials to overcome. I request all the saints to pray that I will walk in the light and my life will be holy unto the Lord. Also pray for my loved ones who are unsaved.

I thank God for the revival held at Bethel church near Melrose, Ga. Many were filled with the Holy Ghost. God wonderfully blessed the young people of this community and added many to the church. Pray that they will hold out faithful and be soul winners for Jesus.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Dolphus G. Rogers, Lake Park, Ga., R. F. D. 3.



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## ✻ Editorials ✻

All Florida people wishing to purchase Minutes of the 30th Annual Assembly, please send your orders to E. W. Williams, Wimauma, Fla., as he has bought enough Minutes to furnish his state.

While visiting the Georgia ministers' meeting I received an order for visiting cards, turned it in for a bid, and somehow the address of the party got misplaced and I have been unable to find it. Will the party who gave me this order please write me a card when you read this? I also received a subscription to the paper and lost that address. Any one failing to get your paper who gave me your subscription at the Georgia ministers' meeting in Macon, please notify me at once.

"Now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed," Rom. 13:11. Here Paul is admonishing the indolent to awake out of sleep. True knowledge of the scripture can only unveil its importance at the time in which it is most needed to be a blessing to those who are filled with the Holy Ghost, and hearts and minds are touched with the divine Spirit that should accompany all those who are filled with the knowledge of God. We are living in a drowsy, sleepy age. Many are rocked to sleep in the cradle of indifference and have turned a deaf ear to the voice of God.

Paul says, "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep." Many seem to have no thought of the dangers and perils that are confronting us. Those who are in authority, who pastor churches and have the care of souls, appear so light until it is astonishing. Thousands have been swept away by carelessness and indifference, but the cross has not lost its power, and all we

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have to do is to awake out of our sleep and the blessed Holy Ghost will guide us into a life of usefulness. God desires to see His children, not only filled with the Spirit, but that degree of unity that brings active service and great victory to the hearts of His children. This is one of the most necessary things I can think of today.

### STRIPPED OF ALL THAT IS EARTHLY

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light," 1 Pet. 2:9.

Our Lord desires His children to be entirely stripped of all that is earthly and place their all in Him alone, so we should be wide awake to our privilege in God and alert to hear His whisperings and walk in His ways. It is a hard lesson for humanity to learn that all that is self must die. To see others become popular in their estimation and to be unanointed for His work is very grievous to those who are deep in the Spirit of God. Our hearts go out for the great cause we love so well. We are praying that God will help our people to have that degree of reverence and feel the awful responsibility that rests on the Church right at this time, the carrying of this gospel to the lost and dying world.

### THE BLACK JEWS OF ETHIOPIA

The war clouds now hovering over the highlands of Northern Africa have focussed the attention of the whole world upon Ethiopia, the last remaining native free state of the dark continent. The daily press has made us familiar with its location, its extent, its characteristics, its resources, and its people. We have learned that the royal house claims descent from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, and that Christianity is the dominant religion of the land. But nothing is heard

of a strange people numbering about fifty thousand among the other five million inhabitants who call themselves *Beta Israel*, "House of Israel," and who have borne with them out of a distant past a form of Judaism antedating Herod's temple.

Who these people are no one knows. The rest of the population speak of them as Falashas, a name signifying exiled immigrants. They themselves claim to be children of Abraham, and faithfully transmit from father to son this tradition as their cherished heirloom. Though without contact with their co-religionists of other lands through many centuries, they have still preserved many of the observances and requirements of the ancient faith. They worship in synagogues patterned with courts after the manner of the tabernacle. They keep the Sabbath, are strict monotheists, observe a ritual distinctly Jewish and observe a number of Jewish festivals.

These Falashas, as their name would seem to indicate, are strangers who came from abroad to establish themselves in Ethiopia at some period in the past of which we have no record. The first information concerning these Black Jews in modern times was furnished by Bruce the Scottish traveller about the middle of the eighteenth century. He brought back word of a people in Abyssinia who practiced certain Jewish rites and raised the question of whether they might not be Jews. Further knowledge of the Falashas came from reports of missionaries of the London Missionary Society at work among the Abyssinians early in the nineteenth century. In 1855 the Church Mission to the Jews secured permission from King Theodore II to send missionaries to establish schools among the Falashas and preach and teach the gospel. Thousands were won to the faith of Christ. There are few missionary records which reveal more of heroism and romance than those which tell of the struggles and achievements of Stern and Flad.

But perilous times fell upon the unhappy land. Internal strifes, endless wars, foreign invasions, and raging famines added misery to misery within its borders. Persecution, imprisonment and martyrdom were the lot of Jew and Christian alike. The attention of Jews in other lands was called to their dark-skinned co-religionists, but it was not until 1905 that Baron Rothschild sent out Jacques Faitlovitch from Paris to investigate the condition of the Falashas. Most of our knowledge concerning this people, we owe to Faitlovitch. He is of the opinion that the Falashas migrated southward many centuries ago into the high plateaus of Ethiopia from Upper Egypt and were

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# Eternal Life

GRACIE ELWOOD

IN ST. MARK 10:29, 30 we find these words, "And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for my sake and the gospel's; but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

Now we can see two great promises in these verses, one applies to the life we live every day in this world and the other applies to the life in the world to come. We know by carefully reading the Word of God, if we would be true followers of Jesus Christ, we will have to be willing to forsake all to follow Him. Sometimes it may mean those who are nearest and dearest to us, even our fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, wives and children, but He has promised to give us a hundredfold more in this life, with persecutions. That may not sound very good to some. Maybe if those two words, "with persecutions," had not been put in the promise, it would have sounded better, but we can all look for the persecutions along with the blessings, if we live godly in Christ Jesus. Read 2 Tim. 3:12.

The main thought I want to bring before you at this time is the second promise, eternal life in the world to come, eternal life with Jesus, the One we love so well, eternal life in a city away from the sorrows and disappointments of this cruel world where we can forever behold the smiling face of our precious Savior. What a wonderful promise. Who would not want to go there? I feel right now as I write that it is worth the loss of all things and all the persecutions that we may have to bear to inherit such a great promise as eternal life with Jesus.

It comes to my mind at this time and I am made to ask myself the question, Would any of God's true followers want eternal life in this world, in these terrible days in which we are living? I wonder if there are any who would want to live here, always to be tempted and tried, always to suffer the mocks and scorns of our own loved ones, to be hated of all men, to be buffeted, to be misunderstood, to have our names cast out as evil, to be reviled, to be persecuted. I fancy I can hear a multitude of voices saying, "No, no, I would not want to live here always." The Apostle Paul said in 1 Cor. 15:19, "If only in this life we have hope we are of all men most miserable," and I surely agree with him.

There is not much here in this life for a true follower of Jesus Christ. Yet I have heard a few say they would rather live the life of a Christian if there was no heaven to gain and no hell to shun. I am persuaded to believe they have never thought what it means to be a true child of God. Always when one makes this statement they are in a good meeting where the power is falling and everybody is getting blessed and shouting the victory. They do not stop and think of the other side of the question. They are feeling good and all is well for the time being, but that won't last always. Remember the devil is still at his job and is ready to come at us with all his forces and at times we are tempted and tried in such a way that only the thought of eternal life with Jesus can help us to overcome. I would agree with anyone and say it would be better to live for the Lord in this world if there were no devil to tempt us, and if there were nothing to mar our joy and happiness. But the trials come, the temptations come, the testing times come, and the thought that comforts our hearts is the hope of eternal life after it is all over. We know we have a city not made with hands eternal in the heavens where we are going some day and rest forever with God, away from the troubles of this weary world.

Do you think the martyrs could have suffered the awful torture they went through if they had thought there was no hereafter? Do you know there would be people taking their lives every hour of the day and night if they knew for sure there was no more to them after death, but it is the fear they have of hell that restrains them. Hell is the sinner's fear. Heaven is the Christian's hope. I wonder how many of us would want to know we would never see Jesus, the one we love and worship down here. Well, if there were no more to our salvation than what we get here, we would never see Him. I believe everyone of us want to see Him. I am sure I do and I will never be fully satisfied until I awake in His likeness, will you? When Jesus was ready to go away from His disciples He told them not to be troubled, that He was going to prepare a place for them and He (Jesus) was coming back again and receive them unto Himself that where He was they might be also. He also told them that He would send them another Comforter which was the Holy Ghost, which should abide with them forever. Can you think of more comfort than is to be found in these words? When I read all these precious promises it gives me new courage to press

on unto the end because it is not those who start but those who endure to the end that shall be saved and inherit eternal life.

*Eternal life with Jesus*

*In a city we are told,  
Where the walls are all of jasper  
And its streets are paved with gold.*

*I have started for that city,  
Will you meet me over yonder?  
Soon I'll leave this world of strife.  
Where we'll have Eternal life.*

## What The Church of God Means To Me

A place where the Word of God is preached, where the power of God is felt, the Spirit is manifested, the love of God is revealed, and the unity of God is realized. A place to listen to His commandments, to pray for His guidance, to sing His praises, and to ask for His help. It is a home of comfort, the center of my faith, and a foretaste of heaven.

I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give to its support, to obey its rules, to protect its name, to reverence its builder, to honor its officers, and to maintain its permanence.

I owe it my zeal, my energy, my sympathy, my devotion, my sacrifice, and my prayers. When I neglect its services I injure its good name, lessen its power, discourage its members, and chill my own soul. I have solemnly promised to abide by its doctrines and teachings. Why should I? First, it is the body of Christ, the pillar and ground of the truth, and the gates of hell cannot prevail against it. It is the gateway to heaven, the house of God, and means everything to me. Its head is my Lord, my Savior, my Sanctifier, my Filler, and my Healer. He is the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning Star, the fairest of ten thousand to my soul, my coming King. I feel that His coming is near, so let us be faithful just a little longer and we will receive the reward for all our labors.—T. A. Richard, 1125 Cherry St., Kingsport, Tenn.

## Much Good Accomplished

SOUTH GASTONIA, N. C.—I praise the Lord for the good that is being accomplished here. I also thank the Lord for our good pastor, Brother Darnell. He is an instrument in God's hands. We have wonderful blessings every time we come together. Souls are being saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost almost every week.—A sister, Mrs. H. E. Lovin.

The one who can see his own faults has good eyes.

# Mysteries of the Bible That Are Realities

D. G. PHILLIPS

THE BIBLE still remains the *Word of God* while misunderstood by many, and, though called the "book of mysteries," let us remember that it also contains many realities that are worthy of our notice.

"Great is the mystery of godliness," 1 Tim. 3:16. God was manifest in the flesh, or in the person of Jesus Christ, therefore was and is a mystery to many and we can only understand that mystery as He is revealed or as He manifests Himself to us. His works and manifestations are a mystery and will be until you know His power. The longer we walk with Him and the closer we live to Him, the more He becomes a reality to us. His plan of redemption is not something; that we have to remain in ignorance about, as He has said, "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God," Mark 4:11.

Jesus in His wonderful teachings taught many things that were misunderstood, but still He says, "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God." I hear Him as He speaks to a learned man, a man of high standing, a man of leadership, a man that Jesus said would understand earthly things. To him He said, "YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN," John 3:7. This seemed to be a great mystery to Nicodemus, and it remains a great mystery to thousands of professed followers of JESUS CHRIST, but it is a reality. Beloved, this is the crying need today, to get our people really born again.

Many are placing great emphasis on SANCTIFICATION, some on The Baptism of the HOLY GHOST and some on THE CHURCH OF GOD. That is all good, we need to stress these experiences especially in these compromising days, but let us not overlook this very important starting point. It is not hard to keep folks traveling right if you get them started right. Let us unfold the mystery of the new birth and hold the truth of God on them until we hear the shouts of new-born souls who have come thru on the old time plan and are clear in their experience. It will be no trouble to get them sanctified. Let's go back to John the Baptist, who was sent as a voice crying in the wilderness, saying, "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand," telling them to make his paths STRAIGHT. Going just a little

farther we hear him saying, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance," before he would even baptize them. Brother ministers, we have the greatest position this world has to offer and that is to unveil the Christ to lost humanity and unfold to them the mystery of the NEW BIRTH.

The mystery will be a reality when the plumb line of TRUTH is drawn and we can say, I know that I have passed from death unto life because I love the brethren, and by this the world will know that we are His disciples because we have love one for another. An evidence of the new birth is that your old companions will think it strange that you run not with them to the excess of riot, and you will be the mystery because you are born again.

Another evidence is that we are not of the world. John, in his epistle, said that if the love of the world is in you the love of the Father is not there. When I see people going where the world goes, doing what the world does, looking like the world looks, it makes me wonder where are those who are a mystery to the world and have the mysterious new birth.

It was this mysterious new birth that started the disciples to following after the Christ. In those days we find them leaving their occupation, leaving their possessions, leaving their loved ones and home. What for? In order that they might help some one else find the mystery-working Christ. It brought new light, new life in the apostles' day. It has brought it every day since.

We look back to the time known as the dark ages and while the old pendulum of time ticked away for twelve hundred and sixty years and few people knew anything about the Bible or God's dealing with man, one day the light shone again, praise the Lord, when God had a man that He could speak to, and He said, "The just shall live by faith." I see that man Luther as he rises from his knees (doing penance to a Catholic priest) and declares again that we are not justified by punishing ourselves or by our own good works. Then for a period of about two hundred years the experience of the new birth was taught and thousands upon thousands got the experience and lived that good justified life and finished their course, came to the end of the way,

and said, "Come; welcome, death; I am prepared to go." They left the testimony that all was well, passed out to meet God and we need not worry the least about them; it is the living that we need to worry about.

Since the new birth was taught by the early church as the foundation basis, since it was taught in the days of the reformation as the experimental work of grace that would meet the need of God's creation, and as it has always been one of the main sills that has held our doctrine to Biblical lines, let us go forth telling men and women everywhere, "Ye must be born again." The most valuable preachers this world has ever known were and are men who preach the new birth. The best churches in the world today are the churches that are composed of men and women who have the experience of the new birth.

While penning these words tonight I feel like sounding the trumpet like the prophet of old, "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; *Lift up a standard for the people,*" Isa. 62:10. Surely we are in harmony with this prophet of God as we lift up the standard of the new birth.

## Loyal to His Cause

ROSWELL, Ga.—The Church of God at Newtown is glad to report victory and the way the Lord is blessing under the leadership of Brother L. H. Rickerson as pastor. He came to us with a spirit of meekness and love, preaches the Word in its fullness, gives out the teachings of the Assembly and the church responds. We have already gone over the top with our ten cents per member drive for the aged ministers' fund. We are expecting great blessings from the Lord for we expect to be loyal to His cause.—Miss Lorine Harris, clerk.

## God Blesses at Hilliard, Fla.

HILLIARD, Fla.—The Lord is blessing in Hilliard. Souls have been saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. God is giving a good church here. There has been a wonderful healing here: Brother Geo. Hand, whose membership is at Miami, got healed of a broken leg. He leaped over the church and had no need for his crutches anymore. Others have been healed as well. Brother Godwin, pastor at Jacksonville, Fla., and his option orchestra helps us as much as they can. We love him and appreciate his help very much. We ask all to please be much in prayer for us for it is obvious that Jesus is coming soon.—Yours in His service, J. B. Conner.



## REPORTS

### Victory At Parkersburg, West Virginia

PARKERSBURG, W. Va.—We are glad to report victory at Parkersburg, W. Va. Evangelist Sam C. Perry of Miami, Fla., held services with us for fifteen days. About thirty-five were saved or reclaimed, nineteen sanctified and fifteen baptized with the Holy Ghost. There was a number of definite healings besides a general quickening of the life of the entire church. Several are still seeking the Lord. All the people love Brother Perry and want him to come again. We esteem him as a man of God and a real revivalist. We appreciate the prayers, co-operation and songs of our faithful workers. Please pray for us.—Your humble brother in Christ, G. W. Messer, pastor.

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### Feasting in the Sunlight of His Glory

RED BAY, Ala. — Evangel readers, saints of The Church of God over the world, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise His good name this evening for victory over sin. The Prophet Jeremiah in chapter six, verse 16, said, "Stand in the ways and seek, and ask for the old paths, which is the good way, and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls."

I thank God that one day I found the way that brought joy and rest to this soul of mine, and now I am basking in the sunlight of God's eternal truths. Bless His wonderful name! Jesus says that He is the way, the truth and the life; and I know, as Solomon says, He is the Rose of Sharon, the Lily of the valley, the bright and morning Star, the fairest of ten thousand to my soul, because He purchased it with His precious blood on Calvary's cross, and I feel that I am His and He is mine. Glory to His precious name!

He brought me to the banqueting house and I am made able, through His power, to feast in the sunlight of His glory. The banner that He set over us is love, which is God's standard, because love is the bond of perfectness. It thinketh no evil but rejoiceth in the truth, endureth many hardships and comes out victorious at the end of the race. I thank God for that little spark of divine love that burns deep down in my soul for Him and His cause, hoping that through Jesus' extended mercy I may be able to help some one down here in this low ground of sin and sorrow, to a higher walk in life, by pointing them to the blessed Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world and brings us into a sacred and sweet fellowship with Him and each

other here in this present world, so that we can be made to sit together down here in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and enjoy the Edenic beauties of holiness while living in this world. Then after death we can sit together in heaven itself and enjoy the cool breeze of God's atmosphere during a never-ending eternity which Jesus has promised unto all who love His second appearing.

He said to not let our hearts be troubled for in His Father's house are many mansions and He was going to prepare a place for us and come again and receive us unto Himself that where He was there we could be also. I am praising Him for the Church which He purchased with His own blood, the real Church of God of which I am a member. I cannot express in words the love and appreciation I have for it.

In conclusion, I pray God's richest blessings upon the Church and His children everywhere. I want every one who prays to remember me in your prayers that I may stay in the center of God's will and be found faithful when He comes or calls for me, that I may be able to hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—With love to all, yours for the Master, O. L. Kent, Rt. 1, Box 54.

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### God Working in Georgia

The writer made what might be called a whirlwind tour in the state of Georgia. On July 21st I went to Mt. Pleasant (Hightower) Church of God near Hiawassee, Ga., where I found a crowd of Spirit-filled saints who could pray down the old time power; and my, how those people could pray. I preached there for nine days and God did work with the hearts of the people. A goodly number found the Lord precious to their souls. A special feature of the meeting was a service for men only, where a large number of men gathered for the service. All of them seemed to like the service and raised their hands as a token of approval.

I went from there to Mt. Zion, only a few miles, and found another band of God's people who wanted to see the Church roll on. They had a new building and it was dedicated shortly after I left. This meeting was a success and we will never know the good that was done in this revival until we get to heaven. The services closed on Saturday night with the church packed full and standing room almost a premium.

Sunday morning I went back to Mt. Pleasant, the place of the first meeting, where they had gathered for baptismal service. After the baptizing I preached, after which we had an old time handshake.

I met some of the saints from the Hiawassee Church of God and they wanted

me to go down there for a revival or to come in the near future. I had to go home and prepare for a revival there, but I promised, if the Lord willing, I would return to help in their revival, possibly in the autumn.

The Lord made it possible for me to go to the Hiawassee church on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. There I met some of the saints whom I had met before, and some whom I had never met, but they were all anxious for a good revival. The first week was hard, but the second week brought the landslide. The second week we had services twice a day and there were from six to thirteen in the altar every service. The saints from other churches came and helped us in the revival and we surely needed them and appreciated their help. The saints from Hightower came down and said I must come up there for a few days' meeting.

I went up to Hightower for a week and God blessed us in this week's meeting. Some of the prominent people are looking toward the Church of God at this place. A goodly number received the Blessing during my two visits to Georgia. God bless the good people in Georgia.—Evangelist John T. Duckett, Walhalla, S. C., Rt. 2, Box 240.

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### A Feast of Good Things

DOWLING PARK, Fla.—We thank the Lord for another revival at Dowling Park conducted by Brothers James Smith, Crews and Sister Lula Tilles. Two were baptized with the Holy Ghost and God's children were blessed. We feel like good seed were sown that will bring forth much fruit. Two messages were given out by the Holy Ghost and God's children feasted many times. Many healings were also witnessed. Please pray that some day Dowling Park will be on fire for God and pray that I will stand true.

We are also praising the Lord for healing our little girl of sores that were breaking out on her. They had one of her legs covered from her knee almost to her body. At times she could hardly walk, but the Lord has healed her, bless His good name!—A sister under the blood, Mrs. O. L. McMullen.

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### Winning Souls For Christ

PENSACOLA, Fla.—When we arrived here at our new pastorate, we found a good revival in progress with Sister Rose Lucia doing the preaching. The revival closed Nov. 3rd with eleven saved, seven sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and one added to the church. The church is greatly revived and many souls were blessed. We ask all to please pray for us, also the church here. Pray that God will give us many souls this year.—Respectfully, W. L. Pate, pastor, 495 N. 6th Ave.

## Look for the Fragrance of Springtime

J. R. THOMAS

**T**HOUGH your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow," Isa. 1:18.

You remember the dark and stormy clouds that come sweeping out of the far away north, and after the winds have subsided and the mighty earth hath trembled, then it is covered with a white blanket of snow. This reminds us of the time when we were in darkness and sin, but by His blood we have been washed as white as snow. The storms are gone, the winds are quieted and the earth is covered with a white blanket.

You who have come to Him who said, "Come, let us reason together," know what the storm clouds mean. You know what it is to be washed as white as snow, however, this does not remove all clouds that overshadow people who have been washed as white as snow. While the storm clouds of sin, and fears are gone, and we have that deep peace, knowing we have been washed in His own blood, yet there are other clouds that overshadow us in this world as we are pilgrims and strangers here.

"Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." In the dark winter days, those who live in the far away north look for-

ward to the coming of springtime, with its hidden flowers bursting out of the earth with all of its beauty and fragrance. We who are redeemed and are suffering for His name, look forward to the soon coming of our Lord who hath said, "They shall walk with me in white for they are worthy." Our prayer should be from day to day, Lord God, keep me today and hold me in my place, for I want to be a blessing to others and I want to be an honor to thee.

Some who have been washed have turned as the dog to its vomit, and as the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire, however, this does not change the promise of God. "But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." If we walk with Him in white after the last storm cloud is past, we must endure in this life. The overcomers will come back to the earth with Jesus after the last clouds have passed, Rev. 19: 14. "And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean." His wife is now making herself ready. "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

### Received A Definite Touch

Almost sixteen months ago I fell from a car and tore the ligaments in my foot loose. For a while they seemed to knit and heal but the least little thing pulled them loose again, until finally they would not heal at all but gradually grew worse. For about nine or ten months I could not bear any weight at all on my foot. During that time it grew crooked and I could not put it straight down to the floor. I suffered untold agony and had to sit most of the time propped up on pillows or walk on crutches. A doctor who examined my foot gave me very little encouragement about ever walking again. In fact, I was confident that unless God saw fit to perform a miracle I would be a cripple the rest of my life.

Perhaps some who read this will remember at the convention at Borger, Tex., on Saturday night when the power and presence of God was present in a great way, God gave me a definite touch and I would stand up and put my foot to the floor and took a few steps without crutches. Until that time I could not move my foot as it was stiff. I had not been able to kneel and pray since it was injured.

From that night I have knelt to pray and have gradually improved until I am

now walking without crutches. I surely do thank God for that definite touch that night. I know now how to appreciate two good feet. It was so hard to think about having to go the rest of my life on crutches but all the time I tried to be reconciled to the will of God and pray that it would work out for His glory and my good.

I hope this will encourage others to touch the hem of Christ's garment for any affliction, for truly He is the same as when He was there in person.—A grateful sister in Christ, Mrs. Ola Worley, Twitty, Texas.

### Blessings Bountiful

BRANFORD, Fla.—I praise and thank God for what He really means to me. Praise His dear name! Oh, how I do praise Him for His great healing power. I praise Him for healing my daughter, Mrs. Leona Degolyer. She was very sick in the hospital for several weeks. It looked like she would die and leave her little children and her loved ones.

Inflammation set in on Monday within her body and Tuesday afternoon they took her to the death room. When her father and husband went to see her that is where they found her in a very serious condition. They kept her in there until

Wednesday, then they moved her out to put some one else in to die. She told them why they put her in there but said she wasn't going to die. On Friday morning they thought she was going and called us into the hospital. When we got there she was very low and I stayed with her the rest of the day. She seemed so much better that night and I went home to the little children. Oh, how we prayed and cried for God to heal her if it was His will. The dear saints in several different churches were praying and crying out to God in her behalf.

Six or seven doctors had examined her and said that an operation was the only thing they could do, and that was very dangerous in the condition she was in at that time. But, thank God, when man fails, God can come in and heal every sickness. The day the doctors came in to tell her when they would operate on her they examined her. They said, "There is nothing the matter with you now. You can go home." Thank the dear Lord for hearing and answering our prayer, for healing her completely and making her every whit whole. She is getting along just fine.

Praise the Lord forever. He has been our healer for thirteen years. He can heal anything. I had been suffering much for over two weeks with severe pains in my shoulder and arms, but thank the Lord, He healed my body.

Please remember us when you pray. We are at Branford this year. The Lord blesses in every service. We are looking for a good year. I have one boy who is not saved and I want to see him with salvation above everything else. Pray that the rest of us will stand true.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. E. L. Hicks.

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### He's Precious to Me

FT. PIERCE, Fla.—Truly I praise God for His wonderful love to me, for His saving and keeping power, for the way He's blessed us from day to day. Praise God! My cross seems heavy sometimes but thank the Lord He gives me power to overcome. I thank God for the sweet Holy Ghost. I've had salvation a little over a year and the way gets sweeter every day. I have a great determination to press the battle on and win souls for the Lamb of God. Young people, put your trust in Jesus, He'll carry you through. Thank the Lord!

We're having wonderful Y. P. E. services over here at Ft. Pierce. The Lord is blessing in many ways. I am on fire for God and determined to press on. I am glad because I belong to the dear old Church of God. Please pray for me that I will ever be humble and be found doing His precious will at all times.—A sister in Christ, Miss Irene Underhill, Rt. 1, Box 240.



### South Carolina Ministers' Conference

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Psalm 133:1.

On November 25th and 26th the ministers of South Carolina assembled in the Church of God at Columbia, S. C., to hold their annual ministers' conference. Brother R. P. Johnson, our beloved state overseer, officiated. We were also privileged to have with us Brother J. H. Walker, our esteemed General Overseer; Brother M. P. Cross, overseer of Tennessee, and Brother W. M. Stallings, pastor at Cleveland, Tenn. These godly men added much to the spiritual atmosphere of this conference.

The first night we had a wonderful service. The welcome address was given by the local pastor, Brother Dempsey. Every one responded by raising their hands and praising God that they were privileged to be present. The good saints at Columbia showed that they welcomed us by the way they threw their doors open and entertained us the time that we were there. Brother R. P. Johnson spoke on "Systematic Work for God," after which Brother J. H. Walker spoke on "The Attraction of the Cross," which was a very timely message. In this first service our hearts were strangely warmed by an unseen power.

The next morning and afternoon were devoted entirely to arranging a program of work in the state. There were many good suggestions made. The ministers seem to be in perfect harmony, and everyone intends to be more loyal in carrying out the rulings of the Assembly.

At the closing service, the spiritual tide was high. The very presence of God permeated the entire building. After a very good testimony service led by Sister Margaret Jacobs, Brother Cross and Brother Stallings gave short talks that were very helpful. The state overseer preached on "Government." At the close of this very helpful and spiritual message, the Holy Ghost took charge. Oh, hallelujah! It is impossible for me to report all the good blessings that God showered down upon us, but I can truthfully say that if the ministers work, and keep that good spirit in their churches that was at this ministers' conference, South Carolina will be able to make a wonderful report at the close of this Assembly year.—E. L. Jacobs.

### God Blessed Our Efforts

The Church of God at Aransas Pass, Tex., had a food sale for the benefit of the orphanage of the Church, also a Thanksgiving program. Most every one there gave a love offering to the orphans.

The people of Aransas Pass were wonderful to help us put the food sale over the top. Nearly every church in town seemed interested in helping us. We were able to send to the orphans \$14.10. We are asking your prayers for the Willing Workers here, that we will do more for God and more to help the little children that need help.—Edna Lyons, clerk.

### I DID IT ALL FOR GOD AND HIS CHURCH

I have been fasting and praying nine days and nights that God will help me to feed the little flock which He has given me and committed to my trust. One year ago today there was not a Church of God in Laurel county. I felt that God had laid this place on my heart. Brother Jernigan, our good state overseer, said to me, "Happy Tom, you are making a mistake by settling down there in that hard place." He offered me good churches that would have supported us well. I was offered one church that paid more than \$100.00 tithes a month.

I began to look at a few of the hardships that I had undergone, even back in my early ministry, when I had worked all day hard and walked over the mountains and rocks in Harlan county till my feet bled and more than one time I pulled off my shoes, took my socks and wiped the blood from my feet. Thank God, it was for God's cause that I might lead some one to the throne of God. Many other hard things had rolled up before me—times when the food was all put on the table and we did not know where we would get any more, but we are all in good health today. Other struggles I underwent when mother, brothers and sisters said, "Tom, we don't want you to talk holiness to us and our children." My wife and children stood in the door and cried when I would start out to tell poor lost souls about God's great love.

All these things rolled up before me when I was wanted to take the good churches, then I bowed my bony face to the ground and wept, saying, "O God, what must I do?" Then I heard that same soft voice that talked to me when I was a small boy and so poor and ragged hardly any one would talk to me. I could go out in the woods and bow down before God and He would talk with me. So that same voice said to me, "Go to E. Bernstadt. I have a work there for you to do." I wept and said, "O God, can I ever suffer long enough to accomplish a work there?" Then it seemed I could hear Jesus say, "If you will suffer with me, you can reign with me," so I took up the cross and started. I had a meeting and asked the people who would put in as much as \$1.00 to build a church house

28x50 feet. I had no income but owed \$10.00 and had the promise of only \$1.00, with no food for my wife and little babies. What could I do more than to put on my old overalls, lay down in ashes and fast and pray?

After I had fasted three days and nights I made a strong effort to build. I got in debt \$30.00 and had nothing to show for it. All our food was gone, our clothes were very bad, so I got discouraged and left. God said, "You are out of my will." Oh, how my heart ached! I lifted both of my hands to God and turned my face to the skies. I told God right there what I would do, so I was soon at Lynch, Ky. My good brothers, sisters, and friends there paid that \$30.00 for me and I was soon back here. I went to one man and asked him for some timber. He said, "I don't believe you can build but I will give you some timber because I like you." Another fellow said "You can't build but I like you," and he went and helped me cut the timber. I hauled it in the rain and sleet till my clothes froze stiff. I pulled off my clothes at night and stood them up, they were frozen in ice. Thank God, it was for God and His Church.

We have put 13,000 feet of lumber in our church house already and have 8,000 feet more here to finish it up. God has given me a beautiful little church of thirty-one members. They are all good and don't mind fasting or to wade the mud or come through rain and cold to get to church. I love this church that God has given me and committed to my trust and I have been fasting and praying that God will help me to feed His lambs and sheep.—"Happy" Tom Brooks.

### NOTICES

To my friends and brother ministers: My address until further notice will be Alma, Ga., Gen. Del. Those wanting to get in touch with me may do so by writing me at this place. I am expecting to be on the field this year. Those who spoke to me at the Assembly, also at the ministers' meeting at Albany, Ga., please get in touch with me soon, for I have many calls and I want to get lined up and not disappoint any one for whom I have promised to hold a meeting. Remember my address is J. C. Cox, Alma, Ga., Gen. Del.

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To the pastors and clerks in Mississippi: In sending your money you raise to buy state furniture, always send it to W. B. Wimberly, Star Rt., Houston, Miss., also state what it is for and name of church sending it. Come on, Mississippi, and let's have this by the time set. Also my address for this Assembly year is Meadville, Miss., Rt. 3.—Horace Taylor.

# MISSIONS

## TEACH US TO SACRIFICE

THERE is a lesson that the Christian people of this country need to learn. We all need to learn HOW to sacrifice. Listening to a missionary from Bulgaria, telling how eager the people of that land are to hear the blessed gospel, and how, as soon as they do hear it, they long to send the good news to others, we cannot but ask "Do we know how to sacrifice?"

They will suffer the greatest privation, that they may give out of their scanty store for the furtherance of the gospel. We give out of our abundance that which has not cost us any great hardship to earn, but they must labor very hard many hours a day in order to meet the heavy taxes with which they are burdened, and which leave very little for the actual necessities of life, and nothing whatever for any luxuries.

Many years ago, Grandmother Reno, of New Castle, Pa., longed to give all she could to missions, so she decided to never use any more butter on her bread and thus save something for the missionary box. How many of us today are willing to eat dry bread for the sake of the Christ who died for us? When we realize that it was our sin that nailed our sinless Savior to the cruel Cross, that it was our sin that pressed the crown of thorns upon that matchless brow, can we not count it a privilege to deny ourselves of something, that we may bring a worthy offering to our Lord? Shall we not resolve today that henceforth we will study to see what expense we can save, if we are really in earnest about giving to Jesus?

The hour is fast approaching when those who are ready will be caught up with the Lord, and there will be no more opportunity to win precious souls. Dear reader, will you not heed a kindly admonition to give, and give gladly, of the wonderful bounty that our Heavenly Father has bestowed, that you may some day rejoice with exceeding great joy over the sheaves which you will discover have been reaped through your efforts? I cannot go to a foreign field, I cannot go to the South or the West, I cannot be a voice on the radio to carry the gospel message, but I can and will give to aid those who can go or can speak, that the time of our Lord's coming may be hastened, and what rapture will be ours when we can join with the vast throng who will crown Him Lord of all!—Mrs. L. J. Schumaker.

## CHRISTIAN UNITY

Psa. 133:1-3, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore."

I am very weak to give an explanation of this Scripture, but Psa. 8:2 says, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger."

Micah 3:8, "But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin."

Unity among Christians is desirable. Christian unity is possible because Christ Himself prayed for it. St. John 17:17, 20-23. He gave His life to effect it. St. John 11:52.

Christian unity consists of unity of the spirit (Eph. 4:3; 14:16; 17:20), unity of the faith (Eph. 4:11-16; Phil. 1:27), all having one mind, no division (2 Cor. 13:11; 1 Peter 3:8; 1 Cor. 2:16), all being baptized by one Spirit into one body (1 Cor. 12:13-20; Rom. 12:4, 5; 1 Cor. 12:20-23), all having one spirit (1 Cor. 12:12; Phil. 1:27), all working together in the work of the gospel (Phil. 1:27), all speaking the same thing (1 Cor. 1:10; Rom. 15:6), one heart and soul (Acts 4:31, 32), one name (John 17:11, 12), no division (St. John 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 1:10; Rom. 16:17, 18).

The result of unity among God's people: It convinces the world (St. John 17:21-23), great power is manifested among them (Acts 4:31-33). We as God's people should endeavor to keep unity (Eph. 4:3), strive together (Phil. 1:27).

Unity means the state of being one, to agree. "Behold," to see. "How good," and not good alone but "pleasant." United we stand but divided we fall. I hope these few words will help all my brethren over the seas. We are calling for unity in Jamaica.

My brethren at Headquarters have felt it reasonable to appoint me to take the oversight of the Church of God in Jamaica. I am a young man but the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, is a person of age. We can depend on Him.

Brethren everywhere, I am appealing to you for more unity. If you will back me I will be your faithful servant. I know I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me. I am here to go thru with the Lord and submit myself to those who have the rule over me in the Lord.

To the ministers and clerks, with the laity of Jamaica: I am respectfully asking you to take up matters with me at once, and send me your reports at the end of every month, which is a ruling of the Assembly. This will show unity. Again, please support me with your prayers of love. I know I must go ahead for I mean to work for the Lord. The next time I write to the Evangel, my address will be changed. God bless you all in His service of unity.—Your brother in Him, H. A. Hudson, overseer of Jamaica, Grantham P. O., Clarendon, Jamaica, B. W. I.

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## We Need Your Prayers

DEVILS POINT, Cat Island, Bahamas.—I am sounding a note of praise to God for the way He is blessing us in Devils Point, Cat Island. Although we are the only two in the church, wife and I, yet we are determined to hold to Jesus. Sometime ago we opened up our prayer service. We prayed, sang, and sometimes wife shouted, right in our home, as we have no church house in which to worship. Wife is a good singer and on this particular night she seemed to sing with more energy and power and it brought down the power from above. Our visitors are mostly little children and this time we had a house full of them, but among them were two older persons. God knows just how to do things and He poured out His Spirit among them and wonderfully saved the two. They shouted and talked in tongues until they were drunk under the power of the Spirit of God! From that night they have been attending all of the services and Sunday School. They are hungry for the services to come. Please pray for us and for these two precious souls that the Lord gave us in Devil's Point. This is a small settlement and we have opposition and need your prayers to overcome.—A fellow servant of the Lord, Alex Burrows, pastor.

## Have A Deeper Desire To Live For Jesus

I really praise God for salvation. I am saved, sanctified, filled with the blessed Holy Ghost, and have a deeper desire to go all the way with the Lord. I feel that it won't be long till we will be called to be with Jesus. I desire the prayers of all the dear saints of God, that I may be healed. Pray that God will give us a place to worship.—Ella Franklin, Amonate, Va.

## REVIVALS

CASPER, Wyo.—Evangelist Lyle C. Nelson of Niobe, N. Dak., held a successful revival here from July 3 to Aug. 18. Two were baptized in water, one reclaimed and many are seeking salvation. A church was set in order with three members. There were several wonderful healings.—Pearl O. and Evrett G. Barber, pastors.

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JENSEN, Fla.—We thank God for the meeting held at Wabasso. The Lord blessed, four were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The power of God was manifested in a great way. I had Elder G. V. Rogers to help me in the meeting.—Solomon Mackey, pastor.

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RIPLEY, Tenn.—We held a successful two weeks' revival at Graves Chapel, Troy, Tenn., in which one was sanctified and many made to rejoice in the Lord. We had fine order for which we are thankful. Brothers Smith, Bell and I were in charge. Please pray for this place. Please pray for Brother Hall and family that the Lord may continue to bless them in the work, also pray for me.—Your brother in Christ, J. L. Dillingham.

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SELMER, Tenn.—We held a two weeks' revival at Piney Grove church at Selmer, Tenn., which was wonderful. Five were sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water and five added to the church. This meeting was in charge of Brothers J. L. Dillingham and S. C. Bell. We are getting ready to build a church here so I ask you to pray that it will be built in the name of Lord. Pray for us.—Your brother in Christ, J. L. Dillingham.

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TRAFFORD, Ala.—We have just closed a week's revival in which Sister Sue McDonald did the preaching. The Lord surely did bless. Ten received the Holy Ghost. We appreciated having Sister Sue with us and we want her to come back again.—W. E. Crider, pastor.

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KANNAPOLIS, N. C.—A wonderful revival has just closed here with our pastor, Brother H. L. Whittington, in charge. A goodly number were saved, sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, fourteen added to the church and twelve baptized in water. We appreciate our pastor very much. He has made many friends since coming to Kannapolis, and the church is progressing under his leadership.—Annie Freeze, clerk.

CRISFIELD, Md.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful eight weeks' revival we had in August conducted by Brother Joe Wilson. As many as eight went thru to the Holy Ghost in one night. Among the number was my youngest daughter, twelve years old. During the revival twenty-eight were baptized with the Holy Ghost and thirty baptized in water. We surely had a wonderful time in the Lord. We have a wonderful pastor, Brother C. J. Abbott who surely does give his flock food for their souls. Every one please pray for the healing of my body, also pray for my eldest daughter to be healed.—A sister in His service, Mamie Lewis.

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MAYSVILLE, Ky.—I praise God for the wonderful five weeks' revival we had at Catlettsburg, Ky., conducted by the writer. The saints were on fire for God. Seven were saved, four sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and fifteen added to the Church of God. We ask every saint to pray for the work at that place.—Your humble brother, W. B. Branham.

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CHESTER, S. C.—We had a wonderful revival at Chester, S. C., conducted by Brother J. A. Hanvey assisted by Sister Hanvey. Nine were saved, eight sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord surely blessed on the Sunday after the revival closed. Since the Assembly twenty have been saved, twelve sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and eight added to the church. It was one year old Nov. 8th. It was set in order with eight members, now we have thirty-nine. Pray much for us.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Green, pastor.

### People See The Light

BLOUNTSVILLE, Ala.—I praise God for the meeting that was held here with Brothers Tommy Bolon and Henry Cook in charge. Two received the Holy Ghost and some were made to see the way. I think we will have a good church here soon. We are beginning Sunday School and preaching every Sunday night. This has been a hard place but the Lord has brought the light to the folks at last. Pray for me that I will be in the hands of the Lord and be able to preach in a way that the Lord will be pleased.—Your unworthy brother, P. W. Hackney.

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### Report of Successful Revival

CASTLEBERRY, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers, I am happy to report that our state overseer, Elder W. L. Ford, with his co-workers, was in charge of a fifteen days' revival at the above named town in October. This is a hard place and it seemed that our overseer

would preach down at times, but God held him up. This revival was a great success. Many sick were healed, devils were cast out, etc. Twenty-two were converted, sixteen sanctified, ten baptized with the Holy Ghost, seventeen baptized in water with eighteen to be added to the Church of God. The church was then set in order with twenty-one members here at Castleberry. This is six or seven miles from the old church location. We thank God for our dear overseer. We love him dearly. Pray for us and our new church, also pray a special prayer for our dearly beloved pastor, Elder W. L. Ford.—Yours faithfully, Maude Wilson, field secretary, (colored).

### Rejoicing On My Way

BIGHT MOORES ISLAND, Bah.—Dear brethren and sisters, I thank God for what He is to me. He has saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I am on my way rejoicing in the God of my salvation. I would not take anything for my journey now. I came over to Moores Island in August, and by the help of God I started a revival. Everything was all right and when the devil saw that God meant to work, he went to work too. When I saw that, I remembered Moses and Pharaoh and I asked God for the victory, and, thank the Lord, He granted me my desire and gave me a membership of twelve. He is still blessing over here.

I would like for the readers of this to please pray for me. I am trying to do all the good I can. By the help of the Lord I expect to have a building, because He told me if I abide in Him and His Word abide in me, I can ask what I will and it shall be done, so please pray for me. I intend to work until the day is done.—Your brother in Christ, Austin A. Saunders.

### Church in Good Condition

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn.—We just closed a three weeks' revival at our new church which was dedicated Sept. 29 with fine services. As a result of this revival thirty-nine were saved, twenty sanctified, sixteen filled with the Holy Ghost and thirteen baptized in water. The meeting closed Nov. 10th with sacrament and feet washing. Brother John Scalf, district overseer of the Whitwell, Tenn., district, did the preaching. Everybody surely enjoyed the revival. The church at Sevierville is in the best condition it has ever been since holiness was preached here. We have a fine Y. P. E. with about sixty to eighty members. We ask everybody to pray for our success at Sevierville.—D. A. Biggs, pastor.



## NOTICES

As we have been appointed again as overseer of the Lower Rio Grand Valley district, we take this means of reaching our people at home and abroad, as many of the Valley folks are away at present. We truly hope that you will be back home soon. Come on ministers, clerks, deacons and laity, we can make this the greatest year in the Lord yet on this district and we must do so if we please Him. Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. So let every one who possibly can subscribe for The Church of God Evangel, also make a study of the Minutes which will enable us to know the teachings of the Church also the late rulings of the General Assembly. May God bless every one of you. Any time we can help you, feel free to let us hear from you. If we all pull together how happy we will be.—Sincerely your brother in Christ, W. W. Smethers, Box 897, Edinburg, Tex.

The Church of God at Vicksburg, Mo., wishes to know the spiritual condition of the following: Mrs. Irene Douglas, Mrs. Sarah Williams and Mrs. Bethel Perry. If not heard from by the 18th of December we will drop their names from the roll. If you still have the blessing I am sure you will be interested enough to write and let us hear from you as soon as possible.—Mrs. Bertie Book, clerk, Deering, Mo.

To whom it may concern: My address will be Kennedy, Ala., Rt. 1, until after Christmas. I'm not pastoring any church but am in the evangelistic work.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Etta Newman.

The Church of God at Binger, Okla., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Sisters Geraldine Smith and Alta Hays. If not heard from by January 1st your name will be dropped from our church roll.—C. R. Kerbo, clerk, Gen. Del., Binger, Okla.

To the churches and ministers in Alabama: Please remember the General Assembly ruled that each church raise for missions an amount equal to five per cent of tithes paid in each month, fifty per cent of this amount to be sent to E. J. Boehmer, Gen. Sec., Cleveland, Tenn., and the other fifty per cent to M. D. Harwood, Pratt City, Ala. Ministers, please look after this. I notice the large churches are falling behind, so please keep up each month. Also our aged ministers' fund is ten cents per member. Don't forget this. You are getting older.

Then our camp ground fund is one cent per member each month. Please look after this. Ministers, I am depending on you, so please do your best. The treasurer for the camp ground fund is C. Brewer, Sumiton, Ala. My address is changed from Springville, Ala., to Sumiton, Ala.—G. C. Dunn, State overseer of Alabama.

Brother A. J. Murry will act as clerk of the Church of God at Decatur, Ala., until I return home.—Sister Euline Lee, Louisville, Ky.

Attention! Sunday Schools in Virginia: I take this method of notifying you we are making some changes in our Sunday School work this year. I am asking every district pastor to please co-operate with me this year and let's go over the top with our Sunday Schools.

### DIST. S. S. SUPERINTENDENTS

The following brethren are asked to serve as district Sunday School superintendents of Virginia: Norfolk, D. R. Robinson; Monroe, Lloyd Justice; Danville, I. H. Brabson; Roanoke, J. H. Daniels; Pulaski, W. B. Davis; Marion, Bun E. Hicks; Clinchfield, H. O. Kirk; Glamorgan, E. D. Johnson. You brethren do your best this year and have at least one district Sunday School convention on your district. Do not forget your Christmas program. It will help your Sunday School. I want to ask you to see if you can't organize a Sunday School in your district. The Roanoke district has one new school since the Assembly.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

You remember me making an appeal to the Sunday Schools a few weeks ago that you take an offering for the purpose of getting a state banner for the Sunday School, also for report cards? Up until this present time no Sunday School has responded. It might be that you do not take the Evangel. If you do not take it and you are an officer in the church, you need to send off your subscription now. You whom I have appointed district Sunday School superintendents, please inform your Sunday Schools of these plans and urge them to carry them out. Won't you please come on and co-operate and be loyal?—Sincerely thy servant, J. H. Daniels, S. S. Superintendent of Virginia, Rt. 1, Box 330, Roanoke, Va.

To the churches and pastors in the state of Louisiana: Greetings. We have started our new Assembly year. Our success this year depends on our efforts to carry out the teachings of the Assembly. We earnestly appeal to the pastors to keep the mission cause before the people. And you must raise the five per cent amount of your tithes and more if you can. Don't forget the penny march for

the orphans, also the churches that have not raised your general indebtedness quota, please remember we are depending on you to go over the top with that by March 1st. Please don't disappoint us. We want to be loyal. We want every church in the state to be loyal. Pastors, if we get your co-operation we can put it over, but if not, it will make it hard on us. But we believe in you and that you are going to help us. People are looking this way, so let us hold up a standard and they will come. We had a wonderful service in New Orleans on Nov. 24th. We found some precious people there, they are coming this way. Sunday Schools, co-operate with your state superintendent, Brother J. B. Cole, Covington, La., Star Rt. Send your state mission funds to J. P. Nolen, Monroe, La., Rt. 2. Please pray for me, I have been sick since the Assembly.—Yours for the cause of Christ, Robert E. Blackwood, overseer of Louisiana, Rt. 2, Box 269-D, Monroe, La.

## REQUESTS

A revival is in progress at the Church of God in Hudson, Fla. The altar is full each night and some have prayed through to victory. The interest and attendance are good. Please pray for us as there are some hard battles to be fought. Sister D. L. Wing and Brother and Sister J. R. Baldree are in charge of the meeting, assisted by the writer.—T. P. Douglas, pastor.

Sister Ena Bethany requests prayer for the healing of her body. She has been sick with malaria and intestinal flu. She has trusted God ten years for the healing of her body but has given over to medical aid, her suffering has been so severe, yet she is looking to God to heal her, that she will soon be able to be out on the battle field winning souls for God. She is a real child of God and a laborer in His vineyard. Please pray for her.—A sister, Ethel Poston, 1502 W. Jackson St., Pensacola, Fla.

I am asking every member of the Church of God to pray a special prayer for my mother to be saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost, and healed. She is in bad health and her mind is bad. I know the Lord is able to heal her. Also pray for my little boy. He has pneumonia every other winter. I am asking you to pray that He will not have it this winter. I believe in healing. The Lord has healed in my home. Also remember me and my husband, that we will get the blessing and have a real Christian home and live as pleases the Lord. Pray earnestly that the Lord will undertake.—Mrs. Mollie Burton, Rochester, Texas.

## Death Notices

### HUSTON

Mrs. Nettie Huston died Nov. 11, 1935, at the age of fifty-nine years and four days. She was a devoted Christian and kind and loving mother. She had the Holy Ghost and belonged to the Church of God at Webb's Chapel, Tenn.—James W. Thurman, Milo, Tenn.

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### ODIN

Sister Sarah Odin died Oct. 29, 1935, at the age of seventy-three years. She was a true and faithful member of the Church of God.—Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Humphries, 27 Branch St., New Holland, Ga.

### The All-Conquering Power

I praise God for answering prayer, also for His good healing power. He has come to our rescue in trouble and sickness many times the last ten years. He has been our healer for about nine and a half years. He has healed me of fallen arches. Jesus never fails us, never forsakes us if we humble ourselves and seek His face. Glory to our God!

We have a good church, good pastor and a good district overseer. Just everything good to be thankful for. I haven't any complaints because I have the victory in my soul. When we have the victory everybody looks better.

I lived twenty-three miles from church about five years but we prayed for God to make the way and now we live almost in sight of the church and God so wonderfully blesses in the services. We have a good Sunday School. We are praying for a revival and it looks like we are going to have one from the way the enemy rages. Well, glory, glory, our God is able. He's the all-conquering power and never lost a battle. Pray much for Missouri, we are praying for you.—Mrs. Jane Rogers, Desloge, Mo.

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### Thankful For Divine Healing

CRISFIELD, Md.—Truly I have much to thank my Lord for. I thank Him for He saved me from a world of sin, sanctified me by His blood and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost and fire. I am only a little girl eleven years of age. I thank Him for divine healing. He has healed my body many times. I have had sores all over my hands and He has healed nearly every one of them. I thank Him for the way He is healing them. Just pray for me.—A sister in Christ, Ada Mae Lewis.

### Signs Following Believers

I thank the Lord for the wonderful work that He is doing for us in the midst of our conflict among unbelievers. There was a woman who had been lying on her bed for two years with a stroke. One side of her was dead. She sent for the writer and he prayed for her as God says to do—laying on hands—and she got up and walked.

Two weeks ago a woman who had a stroke in one side could not move her hands. She also sent for me and we went and prayed for her. I laid my hands on her and told her to stretch forth her hands, and at the word God gave her life in her side and hands. She opened her hand and moved it as she did of old. I laid my Bible on the floor and told her to pick it up and she did so.

I thank God for the way He is working in this wicked place. While Satan is working, God is also working. Please pray for me that God will ever enable me to stand out against everything that the devil will do to me so that God will ever let the signs follow me.—Elder W. S. Bowe, Pahokee, Fla.

### Healed at The Assembly

I praise the Lord for healing me of lumbago when I was at the Assembly in Chattanooga. When Brother L. G. Rouse held a healing service one morning God healed me of lumbago, something that man can't do.

For five years I was troubled with it. I couldn't bend over and tip the floor with my fingers, but I can now, and I don't feel an ache or pain. Sometimes I couldn't walk. I surely praise God for the way He healed me. God is my Healer, my all in all. Praise His dear name.—G. L. Stone, Tullahoma, Tenn.

### A Help in Time of Need

LAMAR, W. Va.—I praise God for being so good to me. About two years ago God looked down and saved and sanctified me, and I just don't know how to thank Him for being so good to me.

We have just closed a three weeks' revival in charge of our dear pastor, Brother L. B. Lyons. We thank God for our good pastor. We believe God sent him to us in a time of need. We also thank the Lord for our district pastor and wife, Brother and Sister E. O. Sells. They were in our revival and gave out the precious Word two nights. Five were saved, two sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost for which we thank God.

We ask all who read this to pray that God will provide a church for us to worship in as we haven't a church here. It looks like Satan is giving God's children some hard trials here so please pray that

we will stay true and humble and that the few saints at this place will go over the top for Jesus. Pray for me, that I will get the precious Holy Ghost.—A humble brother, Robert Bane, clerk.

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### God Still Healing

MT. VERNON, Ill.—It is surely wonderful to be a child of God, to know He cares for us and is concerned about us. The Lord has been blessing us wonderfully. We had service at a sick party's house one Sunday afternoon and while we were there a certain lady said she had an awful pain in her chest and it had been hurting her for sometime. She requested that we anoint and pray for her so we prayed for her and the Lord healed her. She seemed to be surprised, for she would feel for the pain and look up at us with amazement. They're looking forward to the great Church of God. Pray for us here.—Melvin O. Smith.

### REQUESTS

To the saints everywhere: Please have a special prayer for my grandmother. She has an enlarged heart. I know that God is able to heal her.—E. L. Jacobs.

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I praise the Lord for the healing of my body. I would get so nervous that it looked like I would die but praise the Lord, He healed me. Pray that I may grow stronger in the Lord.—A sister in Christ, Manatee, Fla.

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I have an inward goitre and it is working on my heart. Please pray that God will remove it and heal me.—A brother in Christ, Virgil Hanger, Elkins, W. Va.

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I praise God for giving me salvation and letting me unite with the Church of God. Pray for me, also for my husband to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my unsaved sister.—Mrs. Nancy Belle York, Alarka, N. C.

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Dear saints, I am glad for salvation and because I belong to the Church of God. I am trusting Him for both soul and body. I was sitting on the back porch one Sunday afternoon and I saw a vision and the good were being separated from the bad. I saw loved ones go past the gate and ask me to take them in with me. I have two brothers in sin, also a husband and children, and I have been talking to them. Pray for me to stand true and be ready when He comes, also pray for my loved ones to be saved.—Georgia Revis, Dupont, Ga.

Love can see the best in man even tho she has to look through the worst in him to do so.

## Requests

Sometime ago I sent a request for prayer for healing of my side and head. Praise God, the suffering left me and I haven't felt any pain since. I had T. B. in the last stage since I've been saved and trusting the Lord. I am strong now. About two months ago my husband took me to the hospital and had an X-ray made of my lungs. The doctor said they were in good condition. I am thankful that God can heal us of any disease, no matter how severe, if we will only trust and believe.

My bronchial tubes give me some trouble when I have a cold, so every one who reads this pray that I may be healed of bronchitis and that I may earnestly contend for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Pray for my brother who has backslidden.—A sister, Sarah Wood, Hardburly, Ky.

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Please pray a special prayer for my daughter whose body is badly afflicted. She is saved, sanctified, filled with the Holy Ghost and is a member of the Church of God.—Robert Jent, Box 527, Bowling Green, Ky.

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I have cut my finger and something like blood poison is setting up. I want the saints everywhere to pray a special prayer for me. I am a member of the Church of God.—Robert Jent, Box 527, Bowling Green, Ky.

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We are in a revival at the Church of God at Pelzer, S. C., with Brother Frank L. Muller in charge. Please pray for the Lord to have His way and save many souls. This is a needy place and most of the saints work at night. If any of the neighboring churches can come over and help us, it will be greatly appreciated.—P. A. Heaton.

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Dear saints of God, will you please fast and pray that God may heal my body and reveal to me some necessary matters which are now troubling my mind very much? This is a special matter, so pray much. I praise His name for what He has done for us, and for the many times He has healed me, and trust He will now heal a stubborn cast of hernia which continues to get worse.

Will some of the saints who live near Paris, Miss., or any one else, please write us, and also send some copies of Evangel, as we are not able to subscribe at this time? Pray much that God may spare me to train my two motherless little boys for

His glory.—A brother in Jesus, C. B. Wall, Rt. 6, Box 326, Lexington, N. C.

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Please pray for my mother, Mrs. Grace Stephens. She is afflicted in body. Pray that she will have more faith and that she won't have to go to a hospital. She is a good Christian, but needs more light. Pray for my unsaved brother.—Mrs. Guy Sloan, Easley, S. C.

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I am engaged in a revival here. Two have already received the Holy Ghost and three have been sanctified. Please pray. Any one wishing to write me, address 5 Bowman, St., Augusta, Me.—Emma Newman.

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I thank God for the Holy Ghost and for sending the gospel here. There isn't a Church of God near us. Brother and Sister Hackney have meant much to me. They were all the holiness people here. Last August Brother Roy Thomas came and preached a few days. I got light, read and studied. I went to the Assembly, and praise God, I got sanctified. Brothers Bolon and Cook came Oct. 2nd and preached several times and I got the sweet Holy Ghost. Pray for me and my family, also for my children's families, that they may turn and live for God. Pray for my body, I am trusting God for all. Brother Hackney is our district pastor. Pray for him and family. Please pray for me. May God send some one to preach and help us along. Brother Hackney needs help, he is a good preacher.—Yours in Christ, W. A. Wildmon, Blountsville, Ala., Rt. 2.

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A revival is well under way at the Church of God, Concord, N. C. Brother T. J. Looney is doing the preaching. The Lord is blessing and people are praying through. We ask the saints everywhere to pray hard for the meeting.—Levy Miller, pastor, Concord, N. C.

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Please pray for the healing of my body. I am trusting the Lord — Alvie Morgan, Rt. 1, Duncan, Miss.

### Still On The Lord's Side

NAUGATUCK, W. Va.—I thank God for the Evangel. I read in it so many good sermons and testimonies. It is food to my soul to hear from the children of God. And I never forget the requests for prayer when I get down on my knees, and I still believe in fasting and prayer. I am still standing in The Church of God steadfast just like I was when Brother Rumler set the church in order at Appy, Ky., about nineteen years ago. Later the church was moved to Naugatuck by Brother Drummond.

I am feeling greatly encouraged about

the church here. Brother and Sister Mead got the work started up again when it had almost gone down. We are having a good Sunday School. We have a good teacher. He is a great help in meetings. We surely are pleased with our pastor. Brother and Sister Meeks come over every Saturday. I can hardly wait until that time. We are having good prayer meetings. One sister got back to the Lord and I am looking for more to come in.

Please pray for this place to shine for God. Pray for the Lord to make a way for me that I will get to renew my subscription to the Evangel. I never forget to pay my tithes. I would like to hear from Brother and Sister Roy Marcum once more. Pray for me.—A sister under the blood of Jesus, and as I often say, I feel like a mother to all, Angeline Fannin.

### Thank God For Overcoming Power

I praise God today for His sweet overcoming power. I am a member of the dear old Church of God and stand four-square for it. I joined one of these "come and join" churches one time but I soon found out there was something besides giving the preacher my hand.

When I hit the holiness altar where Brother H. O. Kirk was preaching and felt the good power of God, I knew holiness was right. Praise His name! I want every child of God to pray a special prayer for my father who is unsaved.

Pray that God will make a way for my mother and sisters to go to church. My mother has been close to the Holy Ghost. Pray for my lost husband. He was at the altar Sunday night and prayed a good prayer. I would like to hear from members of our Church all over the world. I will do my best to answer all letters received. God bless the dear saints of God.—Mrs. Walden D. Rose, Amonate, Va.

### In The Service Of The Lord

HAINES CITY, Fla.—In May Brother Willie Whittemore started the work here. He organized a Sunday School and started a tabernacle for services. The enemy afflicted his body and he had to give up the work. After much prayer Brother Dewey Hair set a church in order in September with twelve members. We are encouraged to press on. Yesterday, Nov. 17th, our Sunday School attendance was fifty.

Brother W. H. Yates is our pastor and we feel he is a true shepherd over the flock. We are planning on building a church soon and desire your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Elsie T. Joyner.

The River of Peace never gets muddy.



## EDITORIALS

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joined by other Jews from Arabia.

The existence of this interesting group brings to mind various reflections which bear upon our understanding of the Jewish people. It is generally admitted that the Falashas are Negroes. Racially, therefore, they are not Semites and do not belong to the House of Israel. Those who maintain that the Jews are a race which can trace its ancestry back to Abraham must face the question of the Falashas. Where do they belong? Have they a place among the children of Abraham? Would they be received as Jews into the new Jewish national life of Palestine? Would they be placed on the Jewish black-list of Germany? Would they be welcomed as Jews in the synagogues of London or New York?

And the Falashas are not the only Jews whose Abrahamic ancestry may be questioned. What of the Chinese Jews who until recent years lived in Kai-fung-foo? The Bene Israel of India have all the characteristics of the people about them, differing from them only in the practice of certain Jewish rites and ceremonies. On the Malabar Coast is a group of Black Jews—a thousand or more—who unmistakably belong to the Negro race. Scattered along the Loango Coast of North Africa is a tribe of Negroes, called by their neighbors Judeos, who follow many Jewish customs. In New York and other American cities there are synagogues of Black Jews. How has it come about that these people of non-Semitic races have entered the fold of Israel? The answer is obvious. Though Jews today for the most part claim to be a non-proselyting people, the history of Judaism tells a very different story. There have been periods of quiescence in Judaism when self-preservation was its chief aim, but there have been periods on the other hand when Judaism was aggressively and zealously missionary. It is to one of these periods that Christ refers when He declares of the zealots of His time that they were ready to "compass sea and land to make one proselyte." Jews object to Christian missionary efforts, especially if directed toward their own people, but Judaism is itself a missionary religion and when truest to its own ideals seeks to win converts to the faith of Moses. Christianity, born of the best and noblest in Jewish life and thought, is never true to itself unless it seeks to win men and women of every race and clime to the discipleship of Christ. The Black Jews of Ethiopia bear testimony to what Judaism was, and they remind us what Christianity must always be if the purpose of Christ is to be fulfilled.—Jewish Missionary Magazine.

**Healed of Black Widow Spider Bite**

Ten days ago from the time of this writing we began a revival at The Church of God in Camden, S. C. The Lord began to bless from the beginning of the service. As the congregation began to gather, Mr. Reuben Preston, a cigarette smoker, but a lover of the Church, came down to the front holding a black widow spider between his fingers, saying, "Here is what bit me," showing the place on his arm where he was bitten, just above the muscle on the left arm. The spot where the spider bit was very plain, so every one could tell he was critically bitten. I asked him what he was going to do. He said, "Prayer is sufficient," and requested prayer. So we called the congregation to silence and the saints to the altar. Mr. Preston knelt at the altar also. The saints began to pray. Mr. Preston began to pray and unload his pockets of the devil's poison. He threw his cigarettes in the stove, gave up to the Lord and God saved his soul and healed him of this awful poison. Bless His name. This has been ten days ago and he's been working and doing fine.

Now it's known that the black widow spider is as poisonous as a rattlesnake. The doctors here tell me Mr. Preston is the fourth person bitten here by those spiders. The other three went to the hos-

pital; one died, the other two barely escaped death. The doctor told me the other day that he had opened several large carbuncles on one of his patients' body who had been bitten, because of so much poison from the spider bite.

We see that God has answered prayer. When Mr. Preston opened up his heart, thank God, the power fell, the saints shouted the victory over the enemy in another old time holiness meeting in Camden.

I called about ten or fifteen people, who knew the spider, up to see it to identify it as being a black widow spider. I kept one of those spiders in a bottle six weeks, showed it to several doctors and this spider that bit Brother Preston was just like it. I also called the congregation and showed them the bitten place which had turned red and began to pain, but God healed it, praise His name.

Brother Albert of Columbia, S. C., his wife and children, were with us that Sunday night and the little girl evangelist preached for us. They have a good, warm welcome back at Camden with us anytime.

We desire the prayers of all the saints everywhere, and anytime any Spirit-filled preachers are passing through, drop us a card and give us a service.—Yours for the lost, John H. Smith, pastor, Camden, S. C.

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